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Saginaw senior KJ Summey puts toppings on his ice cream during the Welcome Back Ice Cream Social, on Wednesday, Sep. 7, in Warriner Mall. Summey said he came to the social to meet new people since he transferred to CMU in January of 2022.

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BOIL WATER ADVISORY

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Advisory lifted after city water supply passes two rounds of testing

By Patrick Bouman
News Editor

The City of Mount Pleasant lifted its boil water advisory on Sunday, Sept. 4. The city originally issued the advisory two days prior "out of an abundance of caution" after high turbidity levels were found in the water system.

According to a press release on Sept. 4, consumption of the drinking water could resume immediately.

"The city's water supply has successfully completed two rounds of testing and all samples have passed," the release said.

Mount Pleasant and Central Michigan University residents may notice a chlorine smell due to Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) request for an elevated chlorine residual during the boil water advisory.

"This smell raises no safety concerns and will dissipate in the next few days," the press release said.

Normal turbidity levels at the water treatment plant are 0.03 turbidity units. A sample taken on Sept. 1 showed 1.99 turbidity units, almost twice the standard of 1.0 units.

A Sept. 2 press release from the city said turbidity—or cloudiness—does not have health effects by itself.

Jason DeFeyter, the water superintendent for the City of Mount Pleasant, said high turbidity can hide the presence of disease-causing organisms while also providing an environment for them to grow in–making it harder to filter them out. Chlorine and other chemicals have a harder time cleaning water when there is turbidity, he said.

The issue was caused by an error while operating the valves at the water treatment plant, DeFeyter said. Two of the filters, which use sand and anthracite, were filled with water beyond what they could handle and some of the particles broke through into the water supply, causing the turbidity.

The breakthrough lasted about eight minutes, he said, and the affected water was 0.8 percent of the day's total production.

DeFeyter said two back-to-back test results have to come back clear before an advisory can be safely lifted. Each test takes 24 hours to complete, he said, meaning Sept. 4 was the best-case scenario.

According to the advisory from the city, residents—including those who live on Central Michigan University's campus—had to boil tap and faucet water before consuming or using it. Bottled water was also recommended for use.

> *"The city of Mount Pleasant's boil water advisory was issued out of an abundance of caution."*
>
> **A Sept. 2 press release said**

An announcement from University Communications said bottled water was available in residence halls. The message also advised using boiled or bottled water for making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes and preparing food.

CMU's announcement said classes, athletics and other scheduled events would not change, but the pool in the Student Activity Center was closed. Showering and bathing with campus water was safe, the announcement said, as long as the water was not ingested.

DeFeyter said the turbidity issue on Sept. 1 was unrelated to reports of discolored water in residence halls last week. According to some students in Merrill Hall, there had been brown, black and yellow water coming out of their sinks and toilets since Aug. 29.

Alex Kniaz, who lives on the second floor of Merrill, said he had no problems with his water. Emily Heintzeman and Gwen Budnar, also on the second floor, said their water had changed between several colors throughout the week.

Students on the third floor also reported similar experiences—some had on-and-off problems and some did not have any issues with their water.

Ari Harris, executive director of University Communications, said the discoloration affected "most of the residence halls on campus" and was not connected to the boil water advisory.

According to DeFeyter, the issue in the dorms originated from an ongoing project to widen the intersection of Broomfield and Lincoln streets. A water main and fire hydrant were removed during the project. After the water main was reconnected and the water started running again, sediments naturally found in the pipes were disturbed, causing the changes in water color.

"It's just an aesthetic problem, DeFeyter said prior to the boil advisory. "It does not pose any safety issues."

On Aug. 30, the Office of Residence Life sent out notifications through social media about the discolored water.

"The City of Mt Pleasant recently conducted the flushing of a fire hydrant near campus which can result in the discoloration of the potable water," the notification said. "The campus community can clear any discolored water by running the faucet for a few moments until the water appears clear."

For some students, the issue was cleared up after running their taps until the water cleared. DeFeyter said this can be used as a solution again if the discolored water returns.

Central Michigan University to name Kelly/ Shorts Stadium field after former coaches

By Sean Chase
Sports Editor

During its Sept. 10 matchup against South Alabama, Central Michigan University will name the field at Kelly/ Shorts Stadium after two former coaches.

As part of a million-dollar fundraising effort, the playing surface will be known as Kramer/ Deromedi Field inside Kelly/Shorts Stadium, in recognition of coaches Roy Kramer and Herb Deromedi.

"We are proud to honor the rich tradition and football history at CMU by dedicating this field to coach Roy Kramer and coach Herb Deromedi," said athletic director Amy Folan in a press release. "The indelible imprint of these two legendary CMU leaders has benefited so many throughout the years and will continue to benefit future generations. It is befitting that this prominent space they helped build will carry their names."

Kramer led the Chippewas to an 83-32-2 record during his 11 seasons as head coach, including winning a Division II National Championship and Coach of the Year honors in 1974.

"I am honored and very humbled by this recognition of my days at Central Michigan University," Kramer said in a press release. "I am particularly honored to share this recognition with Herb Deromedi. However, this is really a celebration and recognition of the hundreds of young men who represented the pride and tradition of the Maroon and Gold of the Chippewas."

Aurora Rae | Editor In-Chief

Two men sit in the Chippewa Champion Center balcony while watching the first home football game on Sept. 11, 2021.

After joining Kramer's coaching staff in 1967, Deromedi took over as head coach at CMU in 1978. During 16 seasons in the Maroon and Gold, Deromedi posted a 110-55-10 record and three Mid-American Conference titles (1979, 1980, 1990).

"It is a tremendous honor, and very humbling, to be recognized alongside my mentor back then, and still now, Roy Kramer," Deromedi said in a press release. "I am so grateful for my time at Central Michigan and all of the men I was able to coach and all of the people that have been so impactful in my life."

CMU women's basketball legend returns

By Sean Chase
Sports Editor

Micaela Kelly, a former Chippewa, has made her way back to the Central Michigan basketball court.

Kelly joins the Central Michigan women's basketball coaching staff as the program's director of player development. She will work with the team's guard, assist with on-campus recruiting, and collaborate with the program's director of operations.

She made her stamp on the CMU women's basketball program from 2017-21 when she was named to the 2021 All-Mid-American Conference First Team and MAC All-Defensive Team for the second time. In addition, Kelly was only the second Chippewa to record 500 career assists and third to reach 2,000 career points.

Layla Blahnik-Thoune | Visual Editor

CMU guard Micaela Kelly high-fives forward Kyra Bussell after scoring against Bowling Green Feb. 15.

A former Detroit Martin Luther King standout, Kelly currently is second all-time in scoring at CMU behind her former teammate Presley Hudson, who is also a part of the coaching staff under head coach Heather Oesterle.

Kelly earned the nickname "Twin" during her playing days in Mount Pleasant.

"We are very excited to welcome Twin back to be a part of our staff," Oesterle said. "Her smile and energy are contagious for everyone involved in our program. She knows what it takes to win at Central Michigan and our point guards are going to have the opportunity to learn from two of the greatest to ever wear the maroon and gold with her and Presley."

The former guard posted a team-high of 29 points vs. Bowling Green in the MAC Championship game to help the Chippewas claim the regular season MAC title and punch their ticket to NCAA Tournament in 2021. Kelly was voted the 2021 MAC Tournament MVP.

During her senior season, Kelly averaged 23.9 points and 4.9 assists. She is tied for first all-time at CMU in points per game average at 17.4. She graduated with a degree in community development from CMU in 2021.

Following a prestigious career, Kelly was drafted by the Connecticut Sun in the second round, No. 21 overall in the 2021 WNBA Draft, but was waived before the beginning of the season. She was only the second CMU player to be selected in the WNBA Draft. In 2015, Crystal Bradford was the first.

After being released by the Sun, Kelly spent time with teams in Turkey and Iceland. Ahead of the 2022 season, she signed a training camp contract with the Indiana Fever; however, Kelly was cut before the season began.

‘Defend Kelly/Shorts’

By Sean Chase
Sports Editor

After dropping its first game to Oklahoma State, Central Michigan football heads into its home opener looking to flip the script on its season.

On Saturday, the Chippewas welcome South Alabama to Kelly/Shorts Stadium at 1 p.m.

In week one, CMU’s defense struggled to slow down the Cowboys’ offense. Entering its matchup with the Jaguars, sophomore safety Trey Jones said it showed the Chippewas they can compete.

“I think we learned that we can be a very good defense when we play how we know that we can play,” Jones said. “But of course, when we don’t do our assignment, don’t key our keys and get off track, we can get gashed and ran on and thrown on just like any other defense can.”

Although the CMU defense tightened up in the second half, Oklahoma State quarterback Spencer Sanders ended the night with 406 passing yards and four touchdown passes. For Jones, that’s an immediate area of concern with the Chippewa secondary.

“The mindset in the DB room, you know just coming back off of a game where we gave up a lot of yards, we have to refocus on little details,” Jones said. “Being smart downfield, not being too handsy, knowing our job, knowing our assignment, and just eliminating the big plays.”

In addition to cutting down chunk plays, Jones wants to sure up his hands going forward.

“I dropped an interception, I’m really hard on myself with that, so going into this week I’m really focusing on improving on catching that pick, high-pointing the ball like I should,” Jones said. “But beside me, overall, the whole defense we’re looking to build on last game and do what we know we can do.”

While Jones believes the Chippewa defense can turn things around, emotions will be running high as he makes his first start at Kelly/Shorts Stadium on Saturday. Jones’ first start at CMU came against Washington State in the Sun Bowl.

“With this being my first start at Kelly/Shorts, this really will mean a lot to me,” Jones said. “Just getting a win at home you know, Coach (McElwain) preaches to us, that we don’t lose at home we always win at home. So that is a big goal for us. Defend our home stadium, defend Kelly/Shorts.”

Maintaining Offensive Pressure

Heading into its matchup against South Alabama, CMU will look to its offense to help right the ship as its defense finds its way.

After struggling to reach pay dirt in the first half, the Chippewa offense came to life against Oklahoma State as sophomore quarterback Daniel Richardson had a career day.

For senior wide receiver Carlos Carriere, Richardson’s performance under pressure wasn’t unexpected.

“We know he’s a great leader,” Carriere said. “He kept telling us to just keep fighting, and you saw what happened. He just kept making plays and kept getting the ball where it needed to be. And we started scoring a lot of points. So, we believe in him. He’s led us all summer since I’ve been here, so we have the utmost faith in him. And we’re just going to do our job and try to make plays for him.”

Although the result wasn’t in favor of CMU, battling back from a 36-point deficit instilled confidence in the wide receiver room.

“It’s all about execution and controlling what we can, and I think whenever you do your job and execute, you can make plays against anybody,” Carriere said. “So, we have confidence going in and we’re going to continue that and try to just be sharp and not beat ourselves.”

While Carriere’s success in week one helped with his confidence, he is aware that there will be nerves associated with his first start at Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

“I’m definitely excited, looking forward to it,” Carriere said. “My parents will be there. This is my first home game. So, I’m really excited and I want to put on a good performance. And get our first win under our belt.”

CM Life sports staff pr

By Sean Chase and Ryan Colores
Sports Editor and Staff Reporter

After a 9-4 finish and a win over Washington State in the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl, Central Michigan football looks to have similar success in 2022.

The 2022 season includes four non-conference games, with matchups against power-five forces Oklahoma State and Penn State, and a full slate of Mid-American Conference games featuring three Wednesday night MACtion games in November.

With the season underway, *Central Michigan Life* beat writer Ryan Colores and sports editor Sean Chase make their predictions for CMU’s 2022 season:

Week 1: at Oklahoma State

Chase: Oklahoma State 42, CMU 28

Colores: Oklahoma State 38, CMU 17

Week 2: vs South Alabama

Chase: Following a drubbing in Stillwater, CMU returns to Mount Pleasant ready to show off its retooled offense, and South Alabama lands directly in the crosshairs. sophomore running back Lew Nichols returns to his 2021 form after being stifled in Week One, finishing the day with 250 yards from scrimmage and three touchdowns. The Chippewa defense silences the Jaguar offense, in part to sophomore linebacker Kyle Moretti recording his first career sack.

CMU 42, South Alabama 7

Colores: South Alabama’s winning percentage has improved each of the last three seasons, but the Jaguars haven’t had a winning season in a decade. Head coach Kane Wommack is helping turn the program around, but they still aren’t on the level of the Chippewas. CMU doesn’t let off the gas pedal throughout the game, and its defense forces four turnovers, giving the offense ample opportunities to take it to Wommack and company.

CMU 37, South Alabama 16

Week 3: vs Bucknell

Chase: With its first win secured, CMU finishes a two-game home stand against Bucknell. After an outstanding performance, expect the Bison to load the box to deal with Nichols. However, he still eclipses 100 yards rushing and adds a touchdown. As attention shifts to CMU’s running game, Richardson takes advantage and torches the Bucknell secondary for 350 yards and four touchdowns.

CMU 52, Bucknell 9

Colores: Similar to how Oklahoma State overmatched the Chippewas with its sheer talent, the same is the case in CMU’s second home game of the season. The Bison only won a single game last year, and CMU looks for a statement win over a team that probably has no business playing it competitively. CMU will play to its strengths, getting out to an early lead and running the ball down the throats of the Bucknell defense.

CMU 55, Bucknell 6

Week 4: vs Penn State

Chase: Heading into Happy Valley is an enormous proposition for the Chippewas. The teams last played in 2005, with the Nittany Lions securing a 40-3 victory. Although it will be closer than that, CMU will be playing from behind all game, ultimately taking the ball out of Nichols’ hands. Richardson will impress, but it won’t be enough to keep pace with the Penn State offense led by redshirt senior quarterback Sean Clifford.

Penn State 35, CMU 24

Colores: At times, it feels like CMU models its game plan after what has become staples of Big Ten football: gritty play on both sides of the trenches. But can CMU beat Penn State head coach James Franklin at his own game? In short, no. Happy Valley is one of the most intimidating venues in college football. Penn State takes away CMU’s run game and leaves the Chips scrambling to adjust effectively.

Penn State 27, CMU 10

MAC slate

Week 5: at Toledo

Chase: With the majority of its starters returning, on paper Toledo presents a huge hurdle for the Chippewas. The Rockets struggled to close out games in 2021, ending 7-6 and suffering five one-point losses. But still, they come into the season projected second in the MAC West Division. While Richardson and Nichols will put on a show for CMU, the Rockets’ front seven, led by senior First-Team All-MAC linebacker Jamal Hines, come up big and help secure a last-second victory.

Toledo 31, CMU 28

Colores: Rest assured Toledo has not forgotten the result of last year’s contest at Kelly/Shorts Stadium. Sophomore quarterback Dequan Finn didn’t have the game he hoped for against the Chippewas. CMU keeps it as close as Toledo did last year, but the results are flipped. Toledo wins, though this time around the game is decided within regulation.

Toledo 33, CMU 30

Week 6: vs Ball State

Chase: Following back-to-back losses, CMU takes its frustration out on Ball State in the friendly confines of Kelly/Shorts Stadium. The Chippewas will feed Nichols early, and he will rattle off his second 200-yard game of the year. With three-year starting quarterback Drew Plitt trying his hand at the NFL, the Cardinals will look to senior John Paddock as his replacement. Although the Chippewa secondary is young, Paddock’s inexperience will help them build confidence for the stretch run.

CMU 35, Ball State 17

Colores: Ball State was picked to finish last in the MAC West in its 2022 presea-

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son media poll. Despite winning the MAC Championship in the shortened 2020 season, things aren't necessarily looking up in Muncie. CMU, coming off of a MAC West loss, is playing motivated and rides the coattails of Lew Nichols to the tune of 200 rushing yards.

CMU 31, Ball State 21

Week 7: at Akron

Chase: After securing three wins in three seasons, Akron is looking to rebuild under head coach Joe Moorhead. However, all of the excitement surrounding the future of the program will be put on hold when the Chippewas arrive in town. Looking for back-to-back wins for the first time all season, CMU gives the Zips a heavy dose of Nichols. Although Akron has bolstered its defense through the transfer portal, Richardson will pick them apart as Nichols' aggressive running style wears them down.

CMU 38, Akron 14

Colores: Though it's a new week and a new location for CMU, the outcome is virtually identical to last week's matchup. New head coach Joe Moorhead assuredly would like to see a bounce-back campaign, after the Zips only mustered one win against an FCS program, Bryant, a season ago. I believe Moorhead and Akron have success in the MAC, but he'll need a few years to rebuild before his team is competitive.

CMU 41, Akron 14

Week 8: vs Bowling Green

Chase: Returning nine offensive starters and adding Memphis transfer Jakari Robinson, has many people high on the Falcons. However, Bowling Green's defense was a liability in the run game in 2021, allowing 187.8 rushing yards per game to opposing running backs. And they never faced Nichols. McElwain will test the Falcon defense's ability to handle Nichols between the tackles. Bowling Green quarterback Matt McDonald struggles with accuracy, and I see Trey Jones taking advantage of that at some point in the game. When all is said and done, Nichols ends the game with three touchdowns.

CMU 38, Bowling Green 21

Colores: As the conference slate pushes forward, the Chippewas begin looking forward to the remainder of its schedule. This matchup marks the last time the team will play a weekend game at Kelly/Shorts this season, as midweek MACtion for CMU begins the following week and will persist over three of its final four regular-season contests. Despite the potential distraction, Daniel Richardson takes the reins as the leader and delivers a stellar performance through the air. McElwain and the team know how important the following week is, and losing this game could have dashed the Chippewas' vision of success heading into the home stretch.

CMU 45, Bowling Green 13

Week 9: at Northern Illinois

Layla Blahnik-Thoune | Visual Editor

Running back Lew Nichols lll reaches for a touchdown during CMU's 54-30 win against Kent State Nov. 10, 2021 at the Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

Chase: In 2021, NIU quarterback Rocky Lombardi's best game came against the Chippewas. It will only get better for him in his second year. Moretti and defensive lineman Maurice White have huge games against the Huskies' rushing attack and force Lombardi to win it. Richardson slings the ball around Huskie Stadium, but the Chippewas lose by a touchdown.

NIU 31, CMU 24

Colores: I know I mentioned the OSU game as potentially the most impassioned matchup, but certainly keep an eye on this one as well. Both teams will leave everything they have on the field. They have to. NIU is coming off of a dream season where it won the MAC, and head coach Thomas Hammock established himself. McElwain out-coaches NIU, knowing he needs to get one back for his team after a botched field goal lost CMU the game and effectively killed its bid to Ford Field. CMU was a better team at the end of last season than NIU, and that remains the case this year.

CMU 28, NIU 24

Week 10: vs Buffalo

Chase: After suffering two losses in MAC play, every game counts down the stretch for CMU in the race to a MAC West Division title. As if perfect timing, the Chippewas return to Kelly/Shorts. Head coach Maurice Linguist is in his first year at the helm for Buffalo and the cupboards were left bare for his rebuild. Returning nine starters, the Bulls have massive holes to fill on both sides of the ball. Although those problems should be somewhat resolved by this point in the season, it's never close. Richardson throws for 375 yards and four touchdowns.

CMU 38, Buffalo 21

Colores: Um, what just happened? After coming off of a triumphant win against perhaps the best MAC West opponent on their home turf, the Chippewas look off their game. Buffalo will surprise some folks this year, CMU included. The Bulls won't run away with the game, and CMU still plays them close by way of efficient offense, but Buffalo has the Chippewas' number. Buffalo's rushing attack took a hit with the loss of running back Dylan McDuffie, but quarterback Matt Myers picks up the slack and punishes CMU's defense with his legs for employing an ultra-aggressive pass rush.

Buffalo 24, CMU 17

Week 11: vs Western Michigan

Chase: While WMU won't soon forget Kalil Pimpleton's heroics in Kalamazoo during 2021, it doesn't have the firepower to enact revenge in Mount Pleasant. Redshirt freshman quarterback Jack Salopek is Kaleb Eleby's replacement, but he won't be ready for the hijinx CMU defensive coordinator Rob Akey has planned. sophomore Justin Whiteside and Moretti lead the way as the Chippewas front seven suffocate Salopek all game. CMU runs away with it in the second half, ensuring the Victory Cannon remains in Mount Pleasant.

CMU 45, WMU 24

Colores: Fans will recall the dazzling 'Kalil Pimpleton Show' in last year's matchup. Unfortunately for CMU, the dynamic receiver/returner no longer resides in Mount Pleasant. Western underperformed last year without a doubt. Can they right the ship this year? Well, not against Central. CMU bounces back after a bit of a confusing loss to Buffalo and takes care of business, once again hoisting the Victory Cannon.

CMU 49, WMU 34

Week 12: at Eastern Michigan

Chase: With nothing to play for besides upsetting the Chippewas' dreams of securing a MAC West Division Title, EMU comes to play in Ypsilanti. Both teams struggle to gain an inch early and the score remains low until the second half. Then the fireworks happen. Quarterback Taylor Powell, a Troy transfer, rallies the troops and shows off the Eagles' talented wide receivers. Richardson responds and keeps CMU in the hunt. But, in what could be his final regular season game as a Chippewa, Nichols rattles off a 50-plus-yard rushing touchdown in the fourth to seal the game.

CMU 35, EMU 32

Colores: This almost feels like a game in which the current situation and overall talent disparity of these two teams will have little bearing on the outcome. This game is closer than it really should be. CMU knows it needs a win, and in a surprising twist, this game ends up in somewhat of a shootout. But with its season on the line, CMU does what it needs to claim a victory in the final regular season contest.

CMU 41, EMU 39

CMU final record

Chase: 8-4, 6-2 MAC, **wins MAC West Division title**

Colores: 8-4, 6-2 MAC

CMU Volleyball continues hot

By Megan Youngblood
Staff Reporter

Central Michigan volleyball continued its hot start to the season when it swept the competition, 3-0, at the St. Louis Tournament to improve to 5-1.

On the first day of the tournament, the Chippewas managed a 3-0 sweep against Youngstown State (25-20, 25-17, 25-18) and a 3-1 win over St. Thomas (26-28, 25-21, 25-20, 25-10).

Freshman outside hitter Natalia Rejment stepped up on the offensive end with 19 kills and five aces along with 13 digs. Senior outside hitter Anna Erikson dominated both phases for CMU, recording 19 kills and four blocks.

"We had a player for us, Mallory Hernandez, that was player of the week a week ago, and I thought in some ways (she) really struggled today to find her rhythm and get going, but in a team sport, you need other people to step up, and I thought our left sides (Rejment and Erickson) really did a nice job today," said head coach Mike Gawlik. "I thought they did a really good job finding some kills for us where our middles and right sides were struggling a little bit to get some momentum."

After a slow start, Hernandez was able to bounce back against St. Thomas, recording 14 kills in game two. She ended the day with 20 kills and 15 digs.

Game 1

Following a tight start to the first set, the Chippewas went on a four-point run to take a 14-9 lead. Youngstown St. was able to combat the run with one of their own, but the Chippewas weren't phased and due to timely kills late, they pulled ahead 22-17. CMU was able to close out the first set, 25-20, on a kill from junior middle blocker Elly Medendorp.

The Chippewas were able to continue their success into the second, going up 8-4. The Chippewas had total control of the second set and were able to finish it out 25-17 to go up 2-0 in the match.

Youngstown St. came out firing in the third set with three kills in a row to pull ahead 3-0. The Chippewas would slowly erase the small lead, and pull ahead 10-6 following a four-point run aided by kills Hernandez and freshman setter Claire Ammeraal. The Chippewas went on a 3-0 run to end the set and complete the sweep.

Game 2

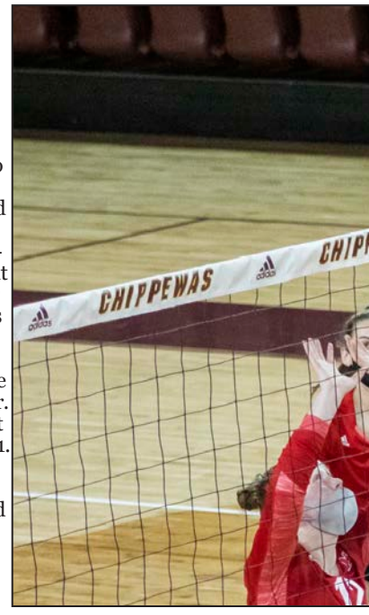
Coming off the win, the Chippewas faced off against St Thomas. After being down 14-11 to start the first set, CMU went on an explosive six-point run to take a 17-14 lead. However, the Bobcats mounted a few quality runs to put them ahead 23-21. With the set coming to an end, CMU pushed ahead again. But, after a back-and-forth battle, St. Thomas was able to secure the first set, 28-26.

The battle that began in the first, continued into the second set. Tied at 19, the Chippewas went on a 3-0 run, off of kills from Ammeraal and Rejment, to take a late 22-19 lead. CMU took three straight points to end the set 25-21 to tie the match at 1-1.

St. Thomas jumped ahead quickly in the third set. However, the Chippewas cut into the St. Thomas' lead on back-to-back aces from sophomore libero Aly Gurtiza. Down 15-14, CMU went on a 7-0 run to take a five-point advantage over St. Thomas. The Chippewas never let off the gas as they secured a 2-1 victory.

The Chippewas came out on fire to begin the fourth set, securing seven-straight points to take a 7-0 lead. St. Thomas was never able to recover. CMU once again ended the set on three-straight kills to take the set 25-10, and win the match 3-1.

"The thing about our squad right now is I really like how we are responding after we drop a set," Gawlik said. "I think that good teams find a way to separate one set from another, and I think that our ability to come out the next set, we won 25-21 and 25-20 with some good late service pressure and then in the final set really dominated from start to finish with a good service run from Kamryn Olson."



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Game 3

Coming off wins against YSU and Saint Thomas on the opening day of the St. Louis Tournament, Central Michigan volleyball looked to stay fired up as they took on the St. Louis Billikens.

The Chippewas finished the tournament on fire, sweeping the Billikens in three sets (25-16, 25-18, 25-19) on Saturday.

Staying hot, Hernandez led the Chippewas with 14 kills and five blocks. Medendorp dominated on defense with a career-high 10 blocks, while Whitfield added five blocks and six kills.

"Elly has worked really hard on her blocking," Gawlik said. "She really disrupted a lot of St. Louis attacks and really set the tone at the net for us. Maddie Whitfield is one of our old ladies, she's a year five. When you're looking at the combination of Medendorp and Whitfield, one is getting 10 blocks and one is getting five, you really block down the middle of the court."

After a back-and-forth battle, the Chippewas fired up and controlled the first set, as they held the Billikens to 16 points. Points were plentiful for the Chippewas, but it was a kill by Rejment that ended the first set, as CMU took a 25-16 victory.

The Chippewa defense overwhelmed St. Louis in set two, as Medendorp came to life. She ended the set with six blocks. With the Billikens struggling to break through the CMU defense, Hernandez ended the set with a powerful swing.

Hoping to close out the sweep, the Chippewas opened the scoring with a kill from Olson. However, shortly after getting on the board, the Billikens took an 11-9 lead. After a CMU timeout, the Chippewas fired back up and tied the game at 11. They then took control by way of a 3-point run to secure the sweep, 25-19.

"We came out of that timeout back on track," Gawlik said. "And even though we hit a little bit of a bump in the road, in that moment, in that four or five point stretch (we) were able to regain control of the match with our block and service pressure."

The Chippewas head to Fargo, North Dakota, for the North Dakota State tournament on Friday. Their first match will be against Northern Arizona at 1:30 p.m.

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A student serves themselves food during the Bar-B-Queer event on Aug. 30 in the Bovee University Center.

CMU Soccer shut out by Wolverines

By Ashley Birkeness
Staff Reporter

In the final eight minutes, the University of Michigan doubled its score as it shut out the Chippewas 7-0 on Sunday in Mount Pleasant.

Central Michigan soccer (1-5) held its own in the first half of the match up with the No. 24 ranked Wolverines (4-2) but quickly lost control in the final 45 minutes.

"I thought the first half we gave a really good account of ourselves and how we progressed, the second half we slipped back into some old habits which is really disappointing," head coach Jeremey Groves said. "I think it's obviously a good opponent, the top 25 in the country so it's always tough."

The Wolverines scored the first goal of the match just minutes before the second half. Kacey Lawrence caught the CMU goalie Kendall Krupiczewicz by surprise and buried a shot into the right corner of the net.

Krupiczweicz had a total of six saves in the first half for the Chippewas.

"I'm really happy for Kendall, she is a walk-on that joined us last fall and she is extremely dedicated," Groves said.

Coming back from the half, the Chippewas struggled to keep up with the fast-paced Wolverines.

Michigan upped the score as Lily Farkas scored right past the diving CMU goalie.

Lawrence scored her second goal of the game at the 63-minute mark, sending the ball past the reach of Krupiczewicz and nailing the top right corner, to put the Wolverines up 3-0.

At the 71-minute mark, the Chippewas got their first shot as forward Jaelyn Dobrowolski raced down the field, taking a shot towards the bottom left corner but was met by the Wolverines' diving goalie Stephanie Sparkowski.

Aurora Rae | Editor-in-Chief

Michigan midfielder Kacey Lawrence (right) headbutts the ball during a Sept.

The Wolverines outshot the Chippewas 24-3. CMU had one shot on goal compared to Michigan's 13.

"We came in with a game plan, to sit a little deeper and defend and hit them on the counterattack," Groves said. "First half I thought we did an OK job and in the second half again we made a couple (of) mistakes and people got down on themselves and we kind of imploded."

With eight minutes remaining the Wolverines took advantage of the tired Chippewas. Sammi Woods beat a CMU defender to put the ball in the top of the goal, hitting the left corner assisted by Taylor Brennan and Meredith Haakenson.

"Obviously Michigan has some really good players ... like I said before, the way we wanted to play was a little bit deeper and hopefully get a lot of their numbers coming forward and be able to hit them on the counterattack," Groves said. "But obviously they got pretty good athletes back there and at times it's hard to break down, but I think a couple times we created some chances and I think that is some encouragement for us."

Three minutes later, Woods scored her second goal of the game to put the Wolverines up 5-0.

In the final minute, the Wolverines scored two more goals, as they shut out CMU, 7-0.

The Wolverines dominated corner kicks, attempting seven compared to two for CMU.

CMU will be back at home for Senior Day on Sunday as they take on Eastern Illinois at noon.

Campus and community events

By Staff Reports

Thursday, Sept. 8
Live from Staples! Honors Convocation
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Staples Family Concert Hall
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Friday, Sept. 9
9/11 Remembrance - Honoring First Responders
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Outside the Park Library
*All are welcome to place flags
Pops and Pots
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Bovee University Center lawn
*Free soda, popsicles and succulent plants
FIRED UP Pep Rally
7 to 9 p.m.
Outside John G. Kulhavi Events Center
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Saturday, Sept. 10
September Arts and Crafts Show
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cornerstone Church
*Open to public
Mount Pleasant Farmers Market
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Broadway Street between University & Main
*Every Saturday until Oct. 8
Sunday, Sept. 11
Central Michigan Area Concert Band fall performance
3 p.m.
Island Park
*Open to the public
Thursday, Sept. 15
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Clarke Historical Library Speaker Series: Robert Knapp
7 p.m.
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Friday, Sept. 16
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Broadway Theatre
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Saturday, Sept. 17
Let Peace Reign
4 to 7 p.m.
Island Park Arts Pavilion
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September 2022 Food Distribution
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EDITORIAL

If you want to have a say in how our community works—on campus or in town—now is the time to get involved. Participating in local public meetings is how you can stay informed.

Elections for presidents and governors might seem like the most important thing because they dominate the news, but local government can have a more direct impact on your daily life.

Local government officials shape our education system, taxes, public transportation and businesses—all of which directly affect campus and community members.

Listening to politicians speak about local issues can be boring, but staying informed is necessary. And so is asking questions. Most officials are happy to explain complex details.

Understanding the inne workings of public meetings can be like learning another language—difficult, but possible if you keep showing up.

College is the perfect time to start getting involved. The City of Mount Pleasant and Central Michigan University have plenty of opportunities to be civically engaged.

- The Mount Pleasant City Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month. The next meeting is on Sept. 12. Anyone is welcome to attend and give feedback about the community.
- Student Government Association meetings are at 7 p.m. every Monday, starting on Sept. 19. Students can attend these meetings to share any information or issues.
- CMU's board of trustees meets once per semester. Its next meeting is on Sept. 22. The schedule and more details will be announced ahead of the session. All campus and community members are welcome to attend these meetings and submit feedback regarding CMU's current and future plans.
- The Academic Senate meets at 3:30 p.m. every other Tuesday. Its first meeting of the semester is on Sept. 13. Any substantial changes to CMU's curriculum are discussed at senate meetings. Faculty members also use the meeting to voice any concerns.

All of the above meetings have options to attend virtually.

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Detroit Senior Kentin Allen talks to CMU students at the first ever Take Care on the Lawn Thursday, Sept. 1, outside of the Bovee University Center.

Student Services hosts the first ever Take Care on the Lawn event Thursday, Sept. 1, outside of the Bovee University Center. This event compiled campus resources that specialize in students' health and well-being.

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CMU to Hold Panel on Fall Health

By Gina Hofbauer
Staff Reporter

Central Michigan University is holding an open forum on fall health at 3 p.m. on Sept. 14 in the Powers Ballroom. Students, staff and faculty will have the opportunity to ask questions and hear from university professionals in-person and via livestream.

According to University Communications, the forum aims to answer questions about health issues like CMU's updated COVID-19 policy, an increased number of monkeypox cases in the state and the upcoming flu season — during fall and winter according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

The panel will feature community leaders including George Kikano, dean of the College of Medicine, Jennifer Morse, medical director of Central Michigan's District Health Department, Nancy Mathews, executive vice president and provost, and Renee Watson, vice president of Student Affairs.

The event is free with seating for 100 people. The livestream will be accessible to those with a CMU global ID and password.

An online forum is accepting questions until Sept. 9. Panelists will answer questions submitted in the online forum during the public event — livestream viewers will not be able to ask questions during the event.

Students look at different booths at the first ever Take Care on the Lawn Thursday, Sept. 1, outside of the Bovee University Center.

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OPINION

CMU Volleyball will shock the MAC

Sean Chase
Sports Editor

Fresh faces on the court and bench are common signs of a program in flux. To some, Central Michigan volleyball fits that mold.

But as the season progresses, it is beginning to seem that any team with Mid-American Conference championship aspirations will have to prove its worthiness to wear the crown in Mount Pleasant.

However, entering the season, that was not the case. Preseason projections had the Chippewas firmly out of contention and on a sinking ship headed to the bottom of the MAC.

With star outside hitter Savannah Thompson, key setter Grace Butler, and head coach Mike Gawlik's entire coaching staff moving on to new opportunities, the predictions seemed spot on.

Although they based their projections on the previous season, I think the "experts" overlooked one key detail. Gawlik's ability to build a roster.

Following the 2021 season, the Chippewas roster lost eight seniors.

However, through six games, CMU already has teams in the MAC sweating as Gawlik's squad has shaken back from an abysmal 13-17 overall record in 2021. But why?

In short, outside hitter Mallory Hernandez.

Transferring from Georgia, Hernandez has dominated in the maroon and gold during the team's tournament schedule.

Coming off a down senior year with the Bulldogs, where she finished with 12 kills, Hernandez came to CMU looking to prove she is not washed. Her message is being heard loud and clear, as she has compiled 89 kills, 22 digs and 14 blocks in six games.

There is no doubt that Hernandez, one of three seniors on the team, has been a key piece for the Chippewas. But Gawlik's efforts on the recruiting trail cannot be understated.

Of the six freshmen Gawlik brought to Mount Pleasant, the standout has been Poland-born Natalia Rejment. In her brief time as a Chippewa, Rejment has shown promise all over the court, recording 54 kills, 47 digs and 11 service aces.

I can already hear people saying, "But, Sean, adding new players doesn't mean that anything has changed with the team's mindset."

However, those people are wrong.

At this point in 2021, CMU had been swept in straight sets twice. While that was not a point of concern at 4-2, as the season played out, the Chippewas struggled to battle back from deficits.

CMU's only loss so far came at the hands of Nicholls in a five-set brawl. Outside of that, the Chippewas have only dropped three sets compared to three sweeps thus far. In every set beside those, Gawlik's squad has shown aggression in the face of adversity. Including battling back from a 2-0 deficit to win against Memphis.

In 2021, when CMU was forced to call a timeout to combat an opposing run, oftentimes it came out of the huddle flat and allowed teams to close the door. That mindset is a thing of the past for the Chippewas, as they've consistently overwhelmed opponents following timeouts.

And to top it off, CMU has not played inside the friendly confines of McGuirk Arena. Gawlik and company will finally return to Mount Pleasant when they open their conference schedule against projected MAC West Division champion Ball State on Friday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m.

Before then, the Chippewas face their toughest test of the season at the 2022 Bulldog Brawl. Starting on Sept. 16, CMU will compete against Notre Dame (1-4), Missouri (4-2) and Butler (4-2).

If the Chippewas can pick up two wins during that tournament, the confidence in their locker room could lead to a shocking opening weekend of MAC play.

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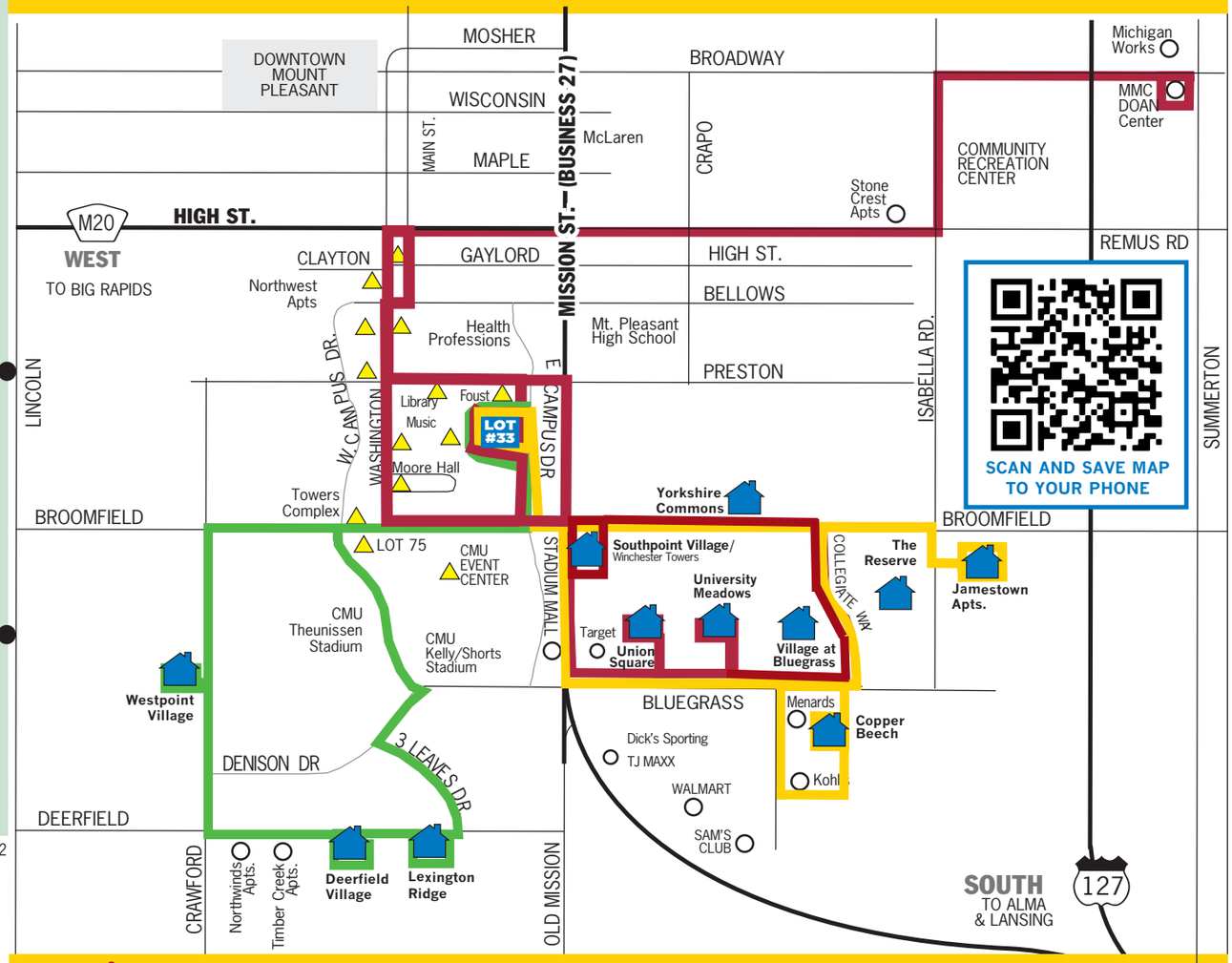

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